

# VIGOROUS DEMOCRATS PLATFORM

## Grand Jury Takes up the Press Accounts

EDITORIAL ATTACKS IN THE FLEET PRESS COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS  
ARE TAKEN TO THE GRAND JURY BY A COMPLAINT MADE  
AGAINST EDITOR SMITH BY EDITOR FARRINGTON—RE-  
PORTS OF A CIVIL LIBEL SUIT TO FOLLOW.

From what transpired around the Senate Chamber, where the Territorial Grand Jury is holding its sessions this morning it appears that an indictment for criminal libel is being considered against Walter G. Smith, the editor of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser. The matter was taken up by the Attorney General's department as the result of a complaint lodged by Wallace R. Farrington, the editor of the Bulletin, who has been accused editorially by the Advertiser of mis-handling the funds of the Press Committee of which he was chairman when the Atlantic fleet was here.

The matter came to light this morning through a subpoena which was served on Charles S. Crane, the business manager of the Advertiser, in which he was required to appear before the Grand Jury and bring with him copies of all the editorials appearing in the Pacific Commercial Advertiser August 3 to August 10 inclusive. Crane appeared but without the editorials and when asked if he had them said that he had not and that he would not bring them for he did not have to do so unless he so desired. That part of it was up to Farrington, he said.

Some time ago the Advertiser began by calling for explicit accounts from the Press Committee. This was fol-

lowed by a variety of charges made through its editorial columns which were chiefly made against Farrington as chairman and against the members of the Committee in general. Then an auditor, Major George Potter, was appointed by the Executive Committee to look into the accounts of all the sub-committees. He prepared a report to the executive committee in which it was stated that the accounts of all the committees were all straight with the exception of one item, which was not on the Press Committee accounts.

Chairman George R. Carter, believing that he could trace some graft if there was any, held up this report and made a personal investigation. The report was finally brought before the committee and accepted. Chairman Carter at that time stating that investigation had assured him that any charges of graft were "false."

The attack was followed further by the Advertiser in making assertions in both its news and its editorial columns to the effect that the committee had made a "whitewash" report. It has been continued each day up to the present.

It is said that papers will soon be filed in a civil libel suit in which

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## HEPBURN ACT FOUND WANTING

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., September 10.—The United States Circuit Court has handed down a decision declaring the commodities clause of the Hepburn railroad rate bill to be unconstitutional.

## FLEET MOVEMENTS

MELBOURNE, September 10.—The battleship Kansas and the supply ship which have been waiting here for mail and have picked up 115 stragglers, sailed today to catch up with the rest of the Atlantic fleet.

## NO HEIR FOR DUTCH

AMSTERDAM, Holland, September 10.—The hopes of the entire country that an heir to the throne would be born have been destroyed by the premature still birth of a child to Queen Wilhelmina.

(Additional Cable Dispatches in Page 4.)

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## WANT ROBERTSON AGAIN



A. G. M. ROBERTSON.

There is a strong sentiment among Republicans in favor of asking Robertson to take the lead again as party chairman. His political astuteness and able party management are generally recognized, and if he allows it the convention will easily choose him for leader again.

J. P. Cooke, when asked this morn-

ing if he would take the chairmanship of the Republican central committee, expressed emphatically a hope that A. G. M. Robertson would take it again. "I do not think a better leader can be found," said Mr. Cooke. "You may say for me as strongly as you like, that I feel that the best possible thing

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## ON TO SAMOA TO STAND BY

PACIFIC FLEET'S DEPARTURE DELAYED BY MAKING OF REPORTS  
AND CABLE CORRESPONDENCE—TOWING DESTROYERS NOT  
MERE PRACTICE—PENNSYLVANIA AGROUND IN NAVAL SLIP  
WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DEEPER.

"I'll be glad to get back her from that was wanted, as much of a test Samoa," said a Pacific fleet man, bidding farewell to a friend ashore this morning. "For there's nothing to do and nothing to see there and it is generally insufferably hot."

"Still we have to go where we're ordered, like the rest of the warships maneuvering in this ocean in order to cover the situation. You see Uncle Sam's not taking any chances and we're ready for any emergency. That's the reason we're towing the destroyers to Samoa. There's no practice cruise about it. The cruisers got all the practice in towing destroyers they need on the haul from Frisco and, for the matter of that, if practice was all

that we wanted, as much of a test can be made in cruising up and down the coast as crossing an ocean. The same thing applies to the Atlantic fleet voyage around the world. "We've got to hang around Samoa for a few days on waiting orders. But we'll see you again in a few weeks, if we don't go to the Philippines—cover the situation. You see Uncle Sam's not taking any chances and we're ready for any emergency. That's the reason we're towing the destroyers to Samoa. There's no practice cruise about it. The cruisers got all the practice in towing destroyers they need on the haul from Frisco and, for the matter of that, if practice was all

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## FLEET MESSAGES TO WASHINGTON

Arrangements have been made between the Pacific fleet and the Wireless Telegraph Company of this city for the latter's Barber's Point Station to receive every night messages from the flagship West Virginia or cruiser California while en route from this port to Samoa and, if possible, while in Samoan waters, and also on the return.

Manager J. A. Balch and Expert A. A. Isbell of the wireless are today at touch with the navy headquarters. Constant official messages will be received here by wireless from the fleet and transferred to Washington by cable and telegraph. It is hoped that the fleet will be in almost constant touch with the navy headquarters.

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## ELKS MAY COME HERE

Honolulu, September 10th, 1908.

The following is Secretary Wood's report to the Promotion Committee this week: Chairman and Members, Hawaii Promotion Committee.

"Gentlemen:—This week has been an unusually busy one for the office force. Besides sending out several thousand of our special sailing cards, containing Frederic Haskin's write-up of Hawaii, we mailed a large number of the Oahu folder, and also posted much other matter to addresses handed in by different parties, besides taking care of a large correspondence.

The Mark Twain Mantel-piece has attracted a great many visitors during the past week all of whom were loud in their praises of Mr. Ostrom's beautiful piece of work. The Mantel will be removed for packing on Monday next and will be shipped as soon as possible thereafter.

I have written to Mr. Clemens expressing the hope that, when the Mantel is in place, he may have a special photograph taken for us showing him seated by his fireside.

We are informed that there is a movement on foot looking to the holding of 1910 Grand Lodge of Elks at Honolulu. We have written offering to co-operate in the way of sending our folders where requested, and will also see that our weekly news sheet is placed on file with the Secretary of every Elks Lodge, provided it is definitely ascertained that the movement to hold the Convention here has good backing.

We learn with pleasure that the first lecture in Burton Holmes' new series of Travelogues, the season for which will open up in October, will be on Hawaii, for which Mr. Bonine is sending his latest Volcano pictures.

Hawaii will receive great publicity from the lecture platform the coming winter than ever before, at least, eight lecturers, of more or less prominence, are already in the field and between them will cover every part of the United States.

A letter from the Secretary of the Industrial Club of Cheyenne, Wyoming dated August 24th, acknowledges the receipt of folders and papers, and says:

"We are glad indeed that one of your people captured the big prize here. It is the first time that Wyoming has lost the prize in these contests."

The Agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at Yokohama acknowledges—under date of August 29th—the receipt of ten copies of our map "The Cross Roads of the Pacific," which, Mr. Howard states, he will place to the best advantage.

A party in Seattle writes for additional folders, including our pamphlet "Agriculture in Hawaii," stating that he with seven or eight others are planning to spend the winter in Hawaii with the object of making their homes here if it can be arranged.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. P. WOOD,  
Secretary.

## TANSAN DON'T PAY

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## LAND QUESTION AND OTHER ISSUES

Temporary Chairman Ingham called the Democratic Territorial Convention to order at 2:08 p. m. He stated that the committee on platform had been engaged until a few minutes before and then gone to luncheon. Until their return the time might be occupied with speeches.

Mr. Ashford asked if no other committee was ready to report.

Interpreter Prendergast read the report of the committee on rules and permanent organization. It proposed the following named as permanent officers:

RICHARD H. TRENT, Chairman.

T. B. LYONS, Vice Chairman.

JOHN EMMELUTH, Secretary.

G. K. KEAWEHAKU, Assistant Secretary.

JOHN K. PRENDERGAST, Interpreter.

DAVID KALAWAIA, Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of H. C. Vida the report was adopted as read, notwithstanding its placing the permanent organization after the adoption of reports.

C. W. Ashford and C. J. McCarthy, designated by the chair, escorted Chairman Trent to the chair amidst loud applause.

Mr. Trent humorously requested that speeches be short and to the point, also that when one member had spoken on a question he should give others a chance. Before him he saw good material from all the districts, such as would leave the whole lump until there would be nothing but the Democratic party in these islands. (Great applause.)

Mr. Lyons followed with eloquent remarks that were loudly applauded.

Mr. Moore presented the report of the committee on credentials, which was read by Mr. Prendergast. It found delegates present in person or by proxy as published in the Star's first edition. It was shown that there were 117 delegates and 33 proxies in the convention. A Kaula delegate moved to amend the report so as to give the Sixth District (Kaula) ten

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## KUHIO'S WORK FOR JOHN LANE

THE DELEGATE TO CONGRESS URGES REPUBLICAN LEADERS TO  
NAME THE FIFTH DISTRICT MAN FOR HEAD OF THE MUNI-  
CIPAL TICKET—ISENBERG, DOWSETT AND DWIGHT AS A TIC-  
KET FOR SENATORS FROM OAHU.

The news in The Star last night that Delegate Kuhio was supporting Lane for mayor was something of a bombshell in both the Lucas and Huestace camps, and the attitude of Kuhio has changed the situation very considerably. However, both Huestace and Lucas today express the opinion that Lane can't land the nomination, and neither appears discouraged by the new development.

In the meantime Prince Kuhio is doing campaign work. He has seen Republican leaders and offered some arguments which are regarded by some as very plausible in favor of a nomination of Lane. One is that it would be a very effective blocking of the race agitation, which, especially in view of the issue of government by commission, threatens to endanger the both Dowsett and Isenberg have stated that they didn't want to run again.

It is stated that W. O. Smith is disposed to favor the Lane proposition, but there is a lot of bucking against it in Republican ranks. Lane's youth and inexperience in public affairs are urged against his being made the nominee, and there is some disposition to bolt if he is named.

The legislative ticket is also being much considered by Republicans, some many of whom think that altogether too much prominence is being given to the office of mayor. Also the matter of supervisors is coming to the front more than ever.

For senators the names of Paul Isenberg, J. M. Dowsett and Sam Dwight are being put forward with a good deal of force. These three are not unlikely in view of the issue of government by commission, threatens to endanger the both Dowsett and Isenberg have stated that they didn't want to run again.

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